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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Continuation Application of :
DAVID EDWARD WILSON, ET AL. : Confirmation No.: 1164
Serial No. 09/759,552 : Group Art Unit 3752
Filed January 12, 2001 : Examiner: Not yet assigned
Title: Electrostatic Spray Device :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) An electrostatic spraying device being configured and disposed to deliver a product from a reservoir through a channel to a point of dispersal, to electrostatically charge the product via a high power electrode after the product has exited the reservoir and to dispense the product from an exit orifice of a nozzle, wherein said device comprises:

a power source to supply an electrical charge; and

a high voltage power supply, said high voltage power supply being electrically connected to said power source and configured to charge the high voltage electrode; and

a high voltage resistor electrically connected to an output of the high voltage power supply to drain said stored charge of the high voltage power supply.

Please delete the second occurrence of claim 14 on page 18, lines 27-29.

Please renumber claim 15 to become claim 16 as follows:

16. (Amended) The electrostatic spraying device of Claim 1, further comprising a mechanical switch configured to drain a stored charge of the high voltage power supply when said high voltage power supply is deactivated.

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Please renumber claim 16 to become claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) The electrostatic spraying device of Claim 1, further comprising an electrical mechanical switch configured to drain a stored charge of the high voltage power supply when said high voltage power supply is deactivated.

Remarks

Upon entry of the amendments, Claims 1-17 are pending. No additional Claims fee is believed to be due as a result of these amendments.

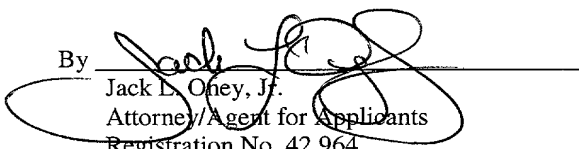
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place their application in proper form for allowance. WHEREFORE, consideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented, and allowance of Claims 1 through 17 are respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claim 13 has been amended as follows:

13. (Amended) [The]An electrostatic spraying device [of Claim 1, further comprising]being configured and disposed to deliver a product from a reservoir through a channel to a point of dispersal, to electrostatically charge the product via a high power electrode after the product has exited the reservoir and to dispense the product from an exit orifice of a nozzle, wherein said device comprises:

a power source to supply an electrical charge; and

a high voltage power supply, said high voltage power supply being electrically connected to said power source and configured to charge the high voltage electrode; and

a high voltage resistor electrically connected to an output of the high voltage power supply to drain [a]said stored charge of the high voltage power supply.

Claim 15 has been amended as follows:

16[5]. (Amended) The electrostatic spraying device of Claim 1, further comprising a mechanical switch configured to drain a stored charge of the high voltage power supply when said high voltage power supply is deactivated.

Claim 16 has been amended as follows:

17[6]. (Amended) The electrostatic spraying device of Claim 1, further comprising an electrical mechanical switch configured to drain a stored charge of the high voltage power supply when said high voltage power supply is deactivated.